

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A system for organizing information across external information objects comprising:
- An Item Manager for creating items representing external information objects,  
A Collection Manager for creating and manipulating collections of items,  
A Story Editor based on a narrative grammar for incorporating items and  
10 collections into the narrative grammar.
2. The system of Claim 1 where the Item Manager additionally supports the display and annotation of items.
- 15 3. The system of Claim 1 where the Collection Manager additionally supports the display and annotation of collections.
4. The system of Claim 1 where the items included in a collection may include other collections.
- 20 5. The system of Claim 1 where an update made to a component such as an item, collection, or story is automatically reflected in connected components.